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RELATED TO ITEM #21: TITLE IV-E WAIVER

On March 31, 2006, California accepted the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' offer to test a flexible Title IV-E foster care funding strategy focusing on prevention and intervention innovations to keep children safely in their homes. The five-year Title IV-E Waiver Capped Allocation Demonstration Project will allow for development and expansion of innovative service delivery strategies to further accelerate improved outcomes for both dependent and delinquent children and youth.

In April 2006, based on federal funding guidelines, Los Angeles County initially estimated re-investable savings of \$369 million in the first year of the waiver. Based in part on State funding guidelines proposed so far, the County's estimate for re-investable IV-E savings has dwindled to only \$74 million for the entire five years of the waiver. To date, the County continues to negotiate with the State because the State's proposed funding guidelines for IV-E Waiver activities are more restrictive than the federal funding guidelines. Submission of a County Plan without knowing the State's financial commitment to the Project may result in the County's over-estimating service programs as part of the waiver, potentially placing the County at great financial risk.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. Prepare a five-signature letter to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger requesting a State methodology for capped Title IV-E funding that mirrors the federal funding guidelines, thus supporting Los Angeles County's goal of accelerated outcome improvements for children and families; and
2. Report back in 30 days on the progress of finalizing a Title IV-E Waiver Memorandum of Understanding between the State and the County.

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